

## Message Text

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SUBJECT: OBR ON TRADE REGULATIONS FOR MAURITANIAN MARKETS

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MAURITANIAN SECTION OF TRADE REGULATIONS OBR POUCHED NOUAKCHOTT  
PER REF TEL IS FOR MOST PART AN ACCURATE AND COMPREHENSIVE DOCUMENT. FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS ARE OFFERED TO UPDATE PAPER:

A) IN FIRST SENTENCE OF DOCUMENT, AND AGAIN ON PAGE 5, REFERENCE IS MADE TO TRADE AGREEMENT WHICH EXISTS BETWEEN MAURITANIA AND US. WE KNOW OF NO SUCH BILATERAL AGREEMENT AND WOULD APPRECIATE INDICATION OF SPECIFIC ACCORD IN QUESTION. MOREOVER, FOLLOWING SENTENCE IMPLIES THAT US AND EEC IMPORTS ARE TREATED EQUALLY. ALTHOUGH SOME US GOODS ARE ACCORDED TARIFF TREATMENT EQUAL TO THAT ACCORDED EEC PRODUCTS, EEC PRODUCERS CONTINUE TO RECEIVE PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT ON MOST ITEMS. (MAURITANIAN CUSTOMS OFFICIALS RECONFIRMED THIS POSITION IN CONTEXT PRESENT EXERCISE.)

B) IN SECTION UNDER CURRENCY, THERE ARE (APPROX.) 45 OUGUIYA RPT OUGUIYA TO ONE US DOLLAR (APRIL 77).

C) IN IMPORT CONTROL SECTION, REFERENCES TO DOLLAR AMOUNT SHOULD BE ELIMINATED AND FIRST SENTENCE SHOULD READ: "ALL GOODS REQUIRE IMPORT LICENSES AND DOMICILIATION".

D) NORTHERN PORT CITY, AND LARGEST MAURITANIAN PORT, IS NOUADHIBOU RPT NOUADHIBOU. CANSADO IS EXPATRIATE RESIDENT.  
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DENT AREA OF NOUADHIBOU; IT IS NOT A SECONDARY PORT.

E) UNDER MODES OF SHIPMENT, REGULAR IBERIA AIRLINES SERVICE FROM NEW YORK, WASHINGTON AND MADRID STOPS AT LAS PALMAS PRIOR TO ARRIVING IN NOUADHIBOU. SIMILARLY, ROYAL AIR MAROC SERVICE FROM NEW YORK TRANSITS CASABLANCA BEFORE CONTINUING ONWARD TO MAURITANIA. ONCE IN MAURITANIA, INLAND TRANSPORTATION OF COMMODITIES IS ACCOM-

PLISHED BOTH BY AIR AND ROAD. SECONDARY PORTS ARE NOUAK-  
CHOTT AND DAKHLA, LATTER LOCATED IN MAURITANIAN-CONTROLLED POR-  
TION OF WESTERN SAHARA.

F) FOR INFORMATION CONTACTS. TELEPHONE NUMBER OF US  
EMBASSY SHOULD BE CHANGED TO 52660 RPT 52660.

TEXT INCLUDED NUMBER OF TYPOGRAPHICAL ERRORS WHICH WE  
ASSUME WILL BE CORRECTED DURING FINAL EDIT REVIEW.

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